Frog or Toad?

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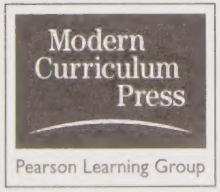

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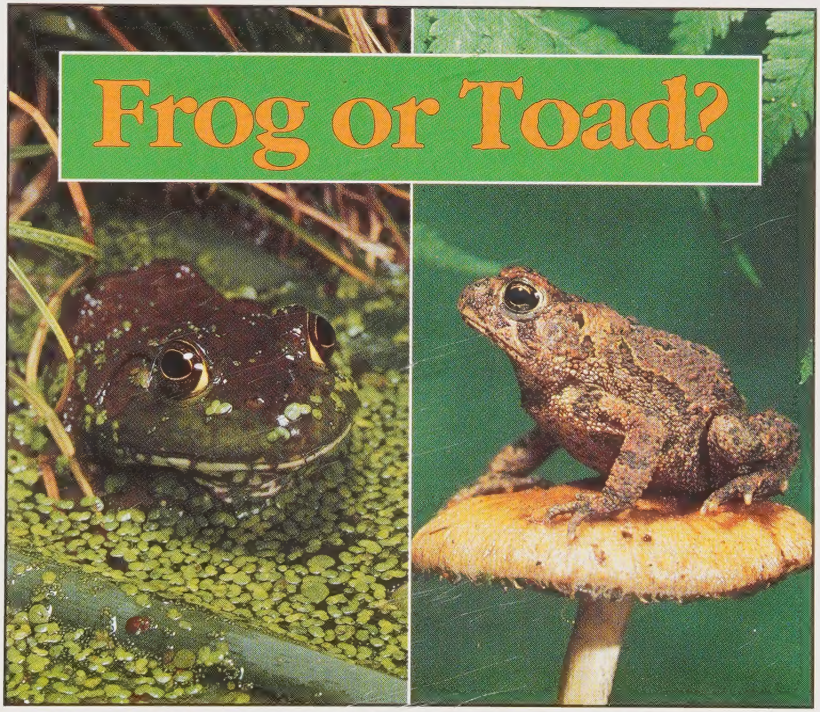

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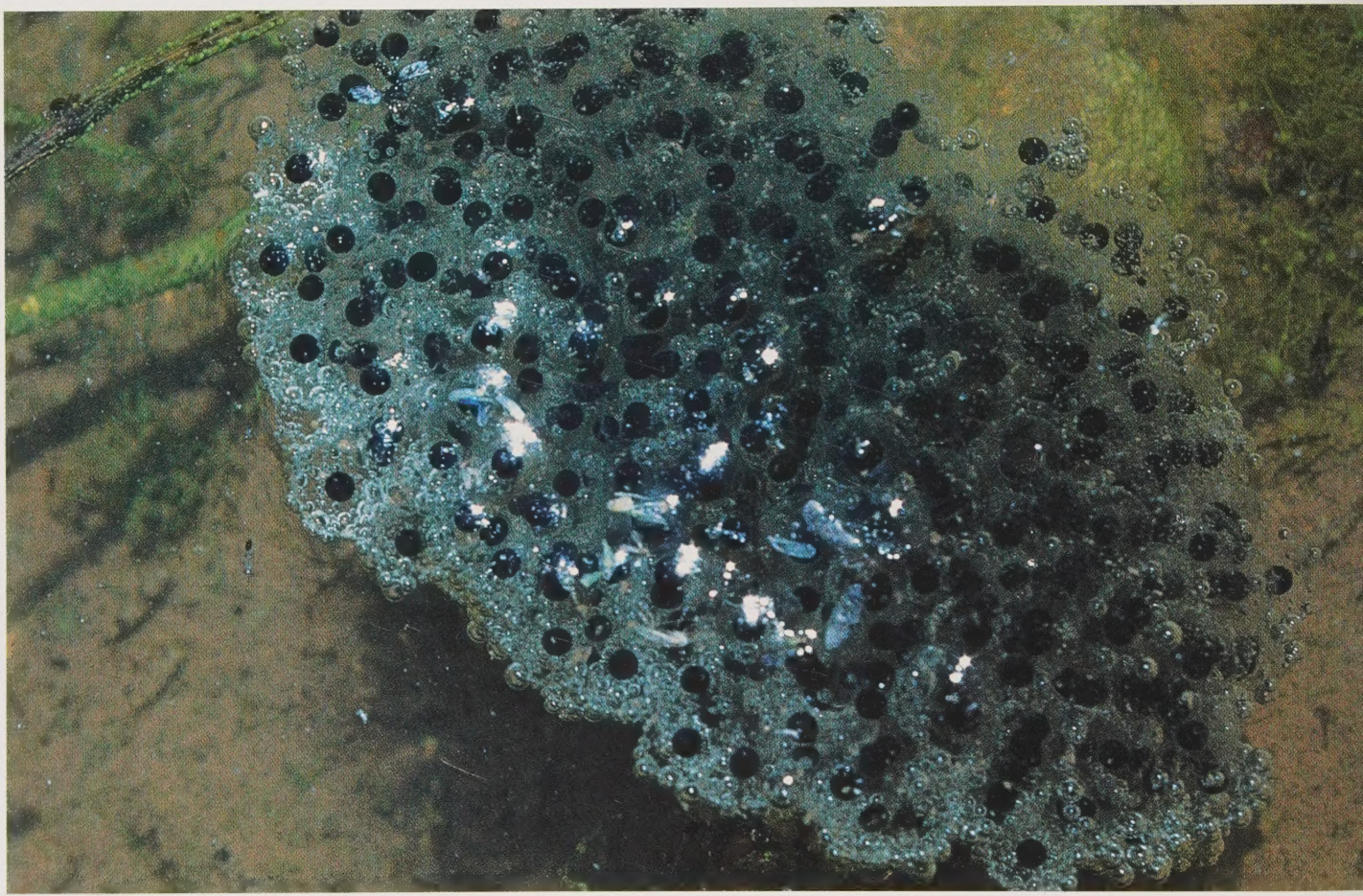
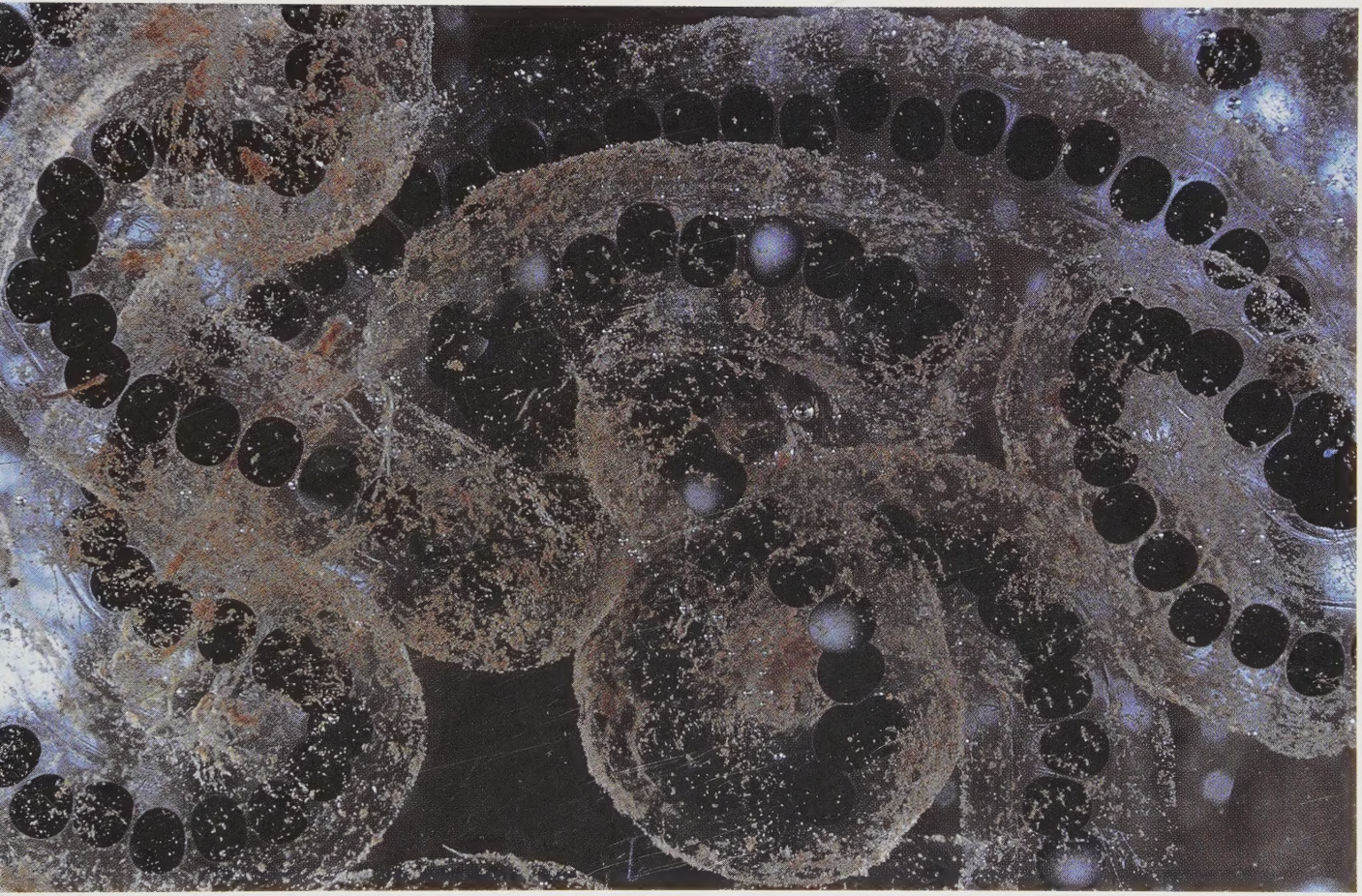
A frog and a toad look alike. Sometimes they are the same. Sometimes they are different.

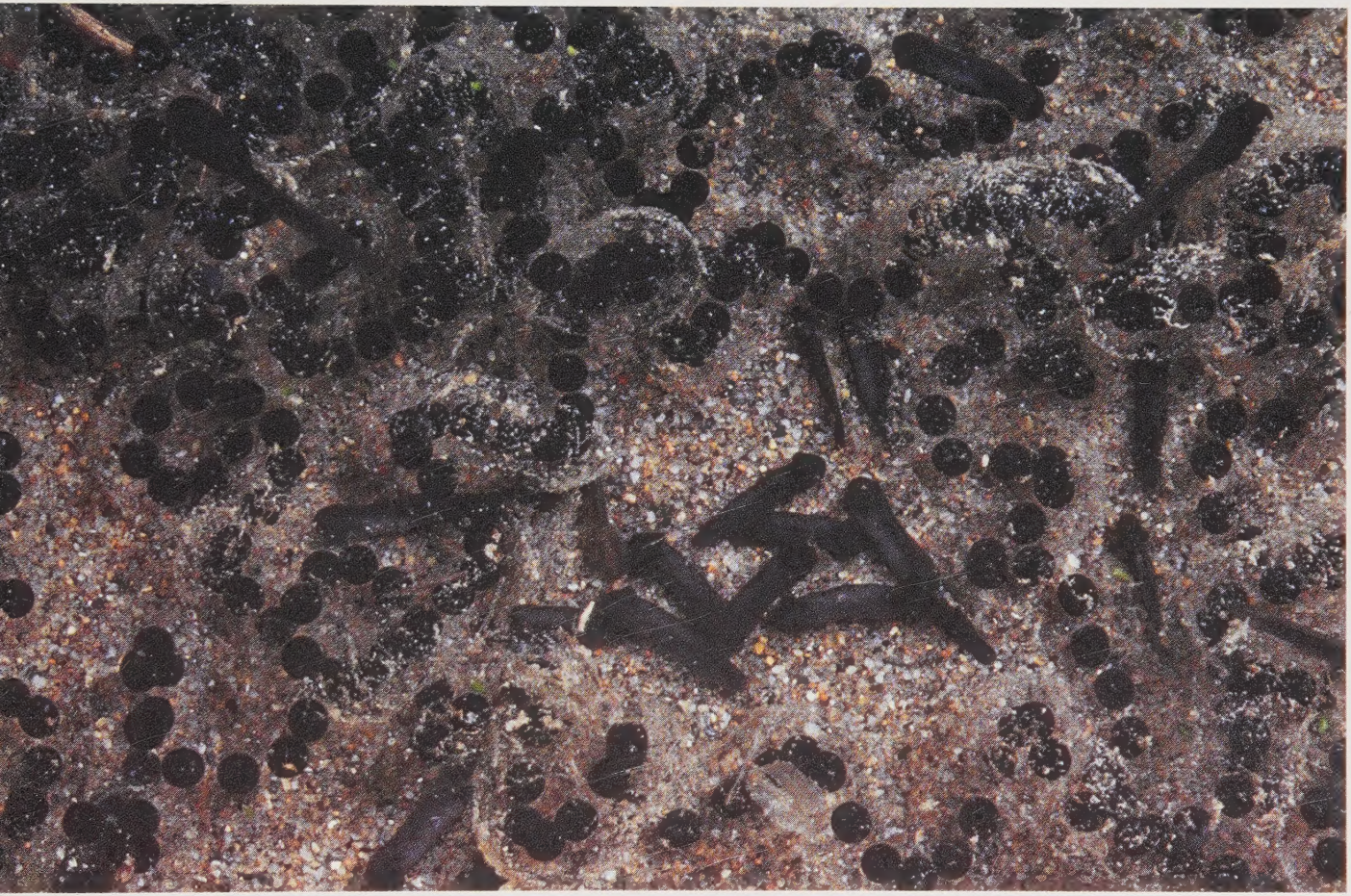


Frogs lay their eggs in water. They lay a lot of eggs. The eggs float near the top of the water.



Toads lay their eggs in water, too. They lay a lot of eggs. But the toad eggs look like long strings.

Frog tadpoles hatch from the frog eggs. The tadpoles have tails, but they do not have legs.



Toad tadpoles hatch from the toad eggs. These tadpoles also have tails and do not have legs.

Soon the frog tadpoles have legs. The tadpoles will not have tails any more. These tadpoles will be frogs.

Soon the toad tadpoles have legs, too. The tadpoles will not have tails any more. But these tadpoles will be toads.

The frogs live near water. Frogs need to be near water.

The toads live on land. They do not need to be near water.

Can you tell a frog from a toad? Look at the frog.
A frog has smooth, wet skin.

Look at the toad. A toad has dry skin. There are lots of bumps on its skin.

Look at the frog. It can make a sound in its throat. Croak! Croak!

Look at the toad. It can make a sound in its throat, too. Nee-deep! Nee-deep!

Now you know how frogs and toads are the same. Now you know how frogs and toads are different.

Word Study

croak
float
throat
toad

Can you read these words?

any	frog	know	lot
their	they	water	wet

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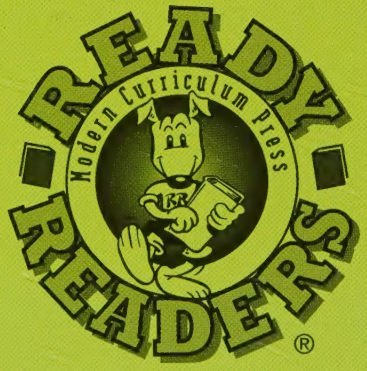

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